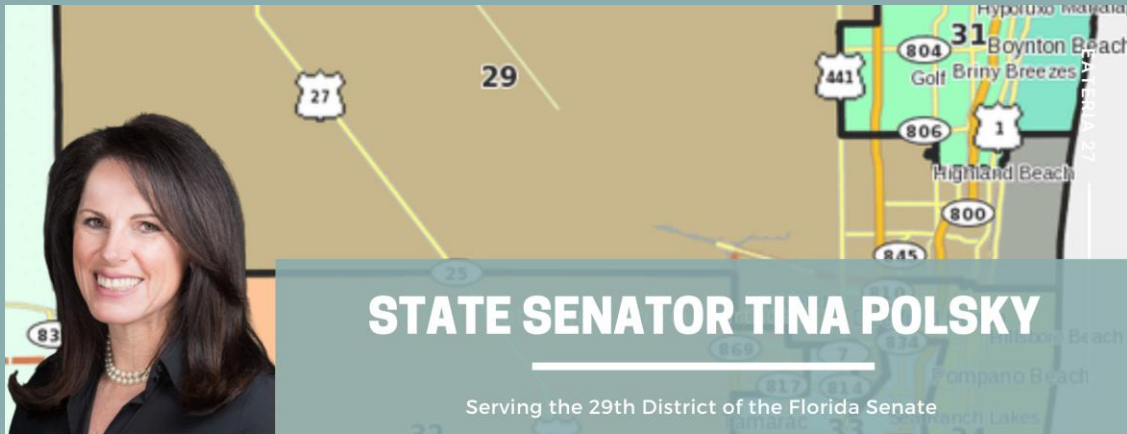


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Dear

Friends,

SEE BELOW FOR MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

In an effort to keep you all safe and informed I have put together this COVID-19 Resource Guide. I am hopeful that this will provide you with the information that we receive from all government levels into one easy to digest place.

Although we are working remotely, my staff and I are here to help. Please reach out to us via email at Polsky.Tina@FLSenate.gov or call (561) 443-8170 as we are checking voicemails regularly.

For the most up to date information please follow me on Facebook, @SenPolsky29.

Stay Safe!


Senator Tina Polsky

State Announcements

- The Department of Education announced Emergency order #7 which allows School Districts to continue Online Education through the Spring Semester.

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020

<i>What stays the same?</i>	<i>Spring 2021 Impacts</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Continues full parental choice. While in-person education is steadily increasing, some families will still need flexibility for the spring semester due to medical vulnerabilities.✓ Continues financial flexibility and stability for school districts and charter schools.✓ Continues flexibilities for state scholarship students at private schools.✓ Continues guarantee of full panoply of services for at-risk students.✓ Continues requirement to progress monitor students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Requires educational intervention for students who may be falling behind, especially vulnerable students.✓ Rewards school districts and charter schools that have exceeded their projected performance. <p>FOLLOWS RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF SUPERINTENDENTS (FAS) REGARDING DISTRICTS' FINANCIAL STABILITY</p>

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Palm Beach County Announcements

- **Palm Beach County's Mandatory Mask Ordinance has been extended through December 21.**
 - The CARES Act Rental and Utility Assistance Program portal is now open. The portal will remain open until Dec. 5, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. **for applicants who need to resubmit their applications for food assistance only**, visit www.rentalassistancepbc.org.
 - A pre-paid debit card is issued to qualified applicants for food assistance.
 - To view a detailed list of eligibility requirements, visit www.pbcgov.com/csdcaresactfaq
 - Applications for non-COVID-19-related (any crisis) rent and utility assistance applications beginning Dec. 8 at 8 a.m. Applicants may apply through the online portal, www.rentalassistancepbc.org, and using the “Apply for Services Application” button. Income guidelines vary depending on the program and additional requirements may apply.
 - To view a detailed list of eligibility requirements, visit www.pbcgov.com/csdcaresactfaq
 - SNAP Sign-Up expands to eight Palm Beach County Library locations. Palm Beach County Food Bank benefit specialists assist with the SNAP application process and conduct the food stamp interview. Specialists can also help with other benefit applications available through the ACCESS Florida system including Medicaid and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Applicants must call to make an appointment at the following locations
 - Greenacres Branch
Mondays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
3750 Jog Road, Greenacres 33467
Contact: Gustavo Amador, 329-5931
(English and Spanish)
 - Jupiter Branch
Mondays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
705 Military Trail, Jupiter 33458
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Contact: Mario Mendez, 345-5085
(English, Spanish and Q'anjob'al)

- Main Library
Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
3650 Summit Boulevard, West Palm Beach 33406
Contact: Riquet Lucien (English and Creole), James Vil (English and Spanish), 233-2600
- Hagen Ranch Road Branch
Tuesdays, 1 - 4 p.m.
14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach 33446
Contact: James Vil, 894-7500
(English and Creole)
- Glades Road Branch
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
20701 95th Avenue South, Boca Raton 33434
Contact: Mario Mendez, 345-5085
(English, Spanish and Q'anjob'al)
- Okeechobee Boulevard Branch
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
5689 Okeechobee Boulevard, West Palm Beach 33417
Contact: Riquet Lucien, 316-0895
(English and Creole)
- Royal Palm Beach Branch
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
500 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach 33411
Contact: Riquet Lucien, 790-6030
(English and Creole)
- Lantana Road Branch
Fridays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
4020 Lantana Road, Lake Worth 33462
Contact: Mario Mendez, 345-5085
(English, Spanish and Q'anjob'al)
- Members must make appointments by calling the numbers above.
They can also email the food bank
at Benefits@pbcfoodbank.org to schedule appointments or ask questions.

- The Palm Beach County COVID-19 Education Compliance team is comprised of representatives from state and local agencies including the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Code Enforcement, Fire Rescue, the Florida Department of Health-Palm Beach County, and municipal police departments. Team members will proactively conduct spot inspections of local businesses and public venues, noting where masks are not being worn and/or social distancing is not being consistently practiced.
 - For more information or to contact the COVID Education Compliance Team or to notify the team about any violations please call **561-24COVID** (561-242-6843) or email covidcompliance@pbcgov.or
- The Palm Beach County Victim Services and Certified Rape Crisis Center staffs a 24-hour helpline, 561-833-7273, that is available every day. Advocates are available to provide immediate support to victims of crime.
 - Because of COVID-19, some individuals are fearful or reluctant to call the helpline, but residents should know that precautions are utilized to ensure the safety of victims and staff while services are provided.
- The Palm Beach County Library System is kicking off its 17th annual Families Reading Together campaign virtually due to COVID-19. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Palm Beach County Library System. Through the use of an online program called READsquared, children ages birth to 17 and their families can take part in a variety of reading missions and log the books they have either read or have had read to them during the month. Completing missions will earn them virtual badges and points.
 - Members can sign up for Families Reading together [online](#) or on the READsquared app.

School District Announcements

- The School District has opened it's Going the Distance Together information Hotline, (561) 969-5840. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The information is available in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole.
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- The School District has launched an online dashboard to keep parents and staff informed of confirmed Covid-19 cases identified among individuals who were recently on District property. Click here: PalmBeachSchools.org/Covid Dashboard [palmbeachschools.org]
 - The dashboard is updated nightly with confirmed cases by date, school, and the number of students and employees affected. You will also find a link to the Covid-19 dashboard on the District's main webpage.
 - The District has worked closely with the Florida Department of Health and the Health Care District of Palm Beach County to supply principals with a COVID-19 toolkit and provide support with protocols, contact tracing, and communication.
 - Parents will be notified directly by the Health Department if their children have been exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 on District property. Employees will be notified by Risk and Benefits Management if they have been exposed to someone with a confirmed case.
 - Very soon after that notification, a building-wide message will be sent to all parents and staff informing them of the case, and that if they didn't receive a letter from the Health Department or Risk Management it is very unlikely that they came in contact with the individual with the confirmed case.
 - For answers to frequently asked questions about the health and safety protocols in place in schools, including preventive steps and the communications protocols during COVID, [click here](https://r20.rs6.net) [r20.rs6.net].

Food Assistance Announcements

- The Palm Beach County Food Assistance Program helps residents who may not be able to afford food due to the pandemic. The one-time benefit will offer pre-paid debit cards to residents which must be spent by December 30, 2020.
 - The amount of the benefit will be determined by the size of the household. Households with one or two members can receive up to \$400, those with three or four members up to \$800, and those with five or more members up to \$1,000.
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- Eligible residents may apply for food assistance at www.pbcgov.com/OSCARSS. A list of Frequently Asked Questions can be found [here](#). For more information, contact CSD's Contact Centre at (561) 355-4792.
 - Applicants must present evidence their household was adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in order to qualify to receive the prepaid card. Supporting documentation must be provided to prove income eligibility, such as last a pay stub or last filed tax return, valid government-issued ID, and Social Security card.
- United Way has launched an [Interactive Food Finder map](#) to assist in locating food and hot meals across Palm Beach County.
- Feeding South Florida food distribution sites provide a drive-thru food distribution for anyone. You can find their calendar of Food Distributions at www.feedingsouthflorida.org/covid19 please note the list is updated daily, as dates, times, and locations may change.

Testing Site Updates

- **FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches:** Absolutely **anyone** is able to visit the testing site at the **Ballpark of the Palm Beaches**; you don't need to be symptomatic to be tested, but you need to state that you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19. However, an appointment is necessary; to get an appointment please call **561-642-1000**.
 - The site is open by appointment only Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
 - Antigen (rapid) Testing is available at the FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches testing site. An appointment is not necessary. Tests are available for all ages with symptoms. The site will be open Tuesday – Saturday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **Lakeside Medical Center in Belle Glade:** This site offers walk-up testing. You do not need to be symptomatic but an appointment is **required**. Please call **561-642-1000** to schedule an appointment.
 - The site is open by appointment only Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- **South County Civic Center Site:**

- ***Rapid (Antigen) Testing***-The testing site is located at 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach, FL 33446. An appointment is not necessary for rapid testing. Tests are available for all ages with symptoms. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.
 - ***PCR/Molecular (Standard) Testing***-The testing site is located at 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach, FL 33446. No appointment needed. Testing is available to anyone over the age of 12, with or without COVID-19 symptoms. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.
 - **FAU site:** The testing site is located at the FAU Tech Runway on the north end of the FAU campus at 901 NW 35th Street, Boca Raton, 33431. Appointments are required for testing. To make an appointment, call 561-642-1000 Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Testing is available to anyone over the age of 12, with or without COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Drive-up rapid testing is available at Florida Atlantic University.
 - An appointment is not necessary for rapid testing. Tests are available for all ages with symptoms. The site will be open Tuesday – Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Test results will be text to your phone within 30 minutes.
 - **The Village of Wellington:** Palm Beach County has partnered with The Village of Wellington to provide free walk-up COVID-19 testing for all western communities' residents age 12 and over. Health officials from Premier Family Health will conduct tests at the Wellington Community Center located at 12150 Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, 33414. Testing will be available daily by appointment, and is available for both symptomatic and asymptomatic residents. To make an appointment, call 561-753-2484.
 - **Town Center Mall in Boca Raton:** Walk-up testing located at the Town Center at Boca Raton Mall, 6000 Glades Rd., Boca Raton, 33431, at the Sears parking lot. Testing every day, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., free to any age, with or without symptoms. No appointment necessary.
 - CVS has expanded its testing sites and now includes the following locations near District 29:
 - CVS Pharmacy, 520 S Federal Highway, Boca Raton, 33432
 - CVS Pharmacy, 8954 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth, 33467
 - CVS Pharmacy, 1690 S Federal Highway, Delray Beach, 33483
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- **Homebound Resident Testing:** Residents eligible include homebound elderly or individuals with disabilities who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and cannot leave their homes to access one of the drive-up or walk-up test collection sites. Residents who believe they are eligible for the in-home testing option should call 561-712-6400 for a pre-qualifying assessment. The testing line is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The **Health Care District's C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics'** site at the Delray Beach clinic is located at 225 South Congress Avenue. Testing at this walk-up site is available by appointment Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon.

- Residents are encouraged to call the Health Care District's Testing Hotline, [561-642-1000](tel:561-642-1000), to schedule appointments at all of its testing sites. Testing is open to individuals of any age who do not need to be symptomatic
 - AnyLabTest Now, located at 5175 West Atlantic Ave, Suite D, Delray Beach, is now conducting COVID anti-body test for \$70.00. You will receive your test results before you leave! Contact (561) 638-5227 for more information.
 - NR Mobile will come to your home or office, anywhere in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties to conduct either a COVID Swab or COVID Anti-Body test for \$150.00. For more information contact (954) 823-8501.
 - Walmart has announced a partnership with Quest Diagnostics and the Department of Health and Human Services to bring new testing sites to South Florida. These drive-thru sites will be available at the pharmacy drive-thru windows at several Walmart Neighborhood Market Stores.
 - Appointments are required and can be made at www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com. Any adult who meets CDC and state and local guidelines on who should be tested, including first responders, health care providers, and others with symptoms of COVID-19.
 - The closest site to District 29 will be located at the Walmart Neighborhood Market at 12700 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach, FL 33436.
 - MD Now is currently offering COVID-19 testing at certain Palm Beach County locations M-F from 8 am-4 pm. Please note appointments are
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REQUIRED and MD Now accepts most major insurances - you can visit [MDNow.com](https://mdnow.com) for more information. The following locations are offering testing for people with MILD symptoms and first responders and/or healthcare workers without symptoms:

- Boca Raton North, 1200 Yamato Road Ste. A7, Boca Raton
 - Call to schedule an appointment: 561-220-4011
- Boynton Beach East, 1625 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach, FL
 - Call to schedule an appointment: 561-220-4280
- West Palm Beach/South Dixie, 2606 S Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach
 - Call to schedule an appointment: 954-737-4351
- Palm Beach Gardens East, 2534 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens
 - Call to schedule an appointment: 561-899-5978

Municipal Announcements

- The City of Boca Raton's Rental Assistance and Foreclosure Prevention Programs provide assistance to tenants that are delinquent on their rent payments or homeowners delinquent on their mortgage payments and association payments (if applicable), as well as any late fees, penalty fees, and/or court costs, for the period beginning March 1, 2020, through November 30, 2020.
 - The maximum assistance is \$5,800 per household. To be eligible for assistance, applicants must reside within Boca Raton city limits and have a household income that does not exceed 120% of the area median income based on household size. Assistance may be provided for households that have experienced financial hardship, such as unemployment as a result of business closure, being laid off, furloughed, or having current employment hours reduced due to COVID-19. The City will accept online applications for both programs beginning October 1st through November 30, 2020, pending funding availability. Eligible applicants will be served on a first-come; served basis, and may be placed on a waitlist pending availability of funding. For more information or to apply, [click here](#).
 - The City of Boca Raton opened has a Small Business Recovery Relief Grant program. The grant program is intended to provide eligible
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businesses who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with one-time grants of up to \$5,000. For more information, or to apply, [click here](#)

Broward County Announcements

- The County is offering Technical Assistance for small businesses and non-profit organizations seeking to apply for the County's CARES Act Grant Program.
 - Technical Assistance will be offered between 8 AM and 6 PM, Monday through Friday. Appointments can now be scheduled through the [website](#), under technical assistance.
 - Business and non-profits interested in applying can visit [Broward.org/Cares](https://www.broward.org/Cares) for eligibility and application requirements or call 954-357-6400 for more information.
 - Bus schedules are available at <https://www.broward.org/BCT/Schedules>.
 - Additional buses are being added to the busiest routes to accommodate social distancing (50% load capacity). Limited Stop or "Breeze" bus service remains suspended until further notice and weekday Express bus service is operating on 30-minute schedules during peak travel hours.
 - Broward County Transit service continues to operate at a reduced service level, Monday through Saturdays, with normally scheduled service on Sundays.

Broward County Public Schools Announcements

- Broward County Public Schools has a dedicated [COVID-19 site](#). The site includes important resources regarding coronavirus and information
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regarding keeping children healthy. Please note information is always changing and BCPS will provide the latest updates as soon as possible.

- The Broward County Public Schools [Coronavirus dashboard](#) provides information on all reported cases for students and staff.
- BCPS is committed to the health and safety of our students, our staff, and our community. All students, parents/caregivers, and employees should answer the [Self-Assessment at Home Self Screening](#) at home each morning prior to coming to school.

Food Assistance Announcements

- Feeding South Florida food distribution sites provide a drive-thru food distribution for anyone. You can find their calendar of Food Distributions at www.feedingsouthflorida.org/covid19 please note the list is updated daily, as dates, times, and locations may change.

Broward County Testing Site Updates

- **CB Smith Park:** The site does not require appointments. The site is operated 7 days a week from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The site is operated by CDR Maguire, who is contracted by the State of Florida. Anti-bodies tests are now being conducted on-site.
 - **Publix at Coral Ridge:** 11600 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 5: PM.
 - **Quiet Waters Park:** The drive-thru testing site is testing asymptomatic adults and children. The site is operated in collaboration with FDOH and the Broward Sheriff's Office and is located at 401 Powerline Road, Deerfield Beach. The site is open from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM, Sunday through Thursday, and has a priority lane for testing of Broward County Public School children and staff. Testing is available to all ages, symptomatic and asymptomatic and pre-registration is not required.
 - **Trade Winds Park:** The drive-thru site is testing asymptomatic adults and children. The site is operated by Florida Department of Health, in collaboration with City of Coconut Creek, Broward Sheriff's Office and Broward County Parks and Recreation Division and is located at 3600 W Sample Road, Coconut Creek. The site is open Sunday through
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Thursday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and has a priority lane for testing of Broward County Public School children and staff

- **Mullins Park:** The walk-up site is testing asymptomatic adults and children. This site is operated by the Florida Department of Health in Broward County and is located at 10000 Ben Geiger Drive, Coral Springs. The site open from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday and has a priority lane for testing of Broward County Public School children and staff. Please be sure to wear a facial covering when arriving for testing.
- **Mobile Testing:** Broward County, the Florida Department of Health in Broward (FDOH-Broward), American Medical Response (AMR), and Century Ambulance Services (CAS) is operating a mobile/inhome testing program. Residents eligible for the new testing option include homebound elderly or individuals with disabilities who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and cannot leave their homes to access one of the drive-up or walk-up test collection sites. Hours of operation are from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. For general information and homebound testing appointments, call 954-412-7300.

Other Important Announcements

- The Eighth Open Enrollment Season for the Affordable Care Act Marketplace is now open and will remain open through December 15, 2020.
 - Covering Florida Navigators deliver free outreach and enrollment services to any Floridian that needs to enroll in health care coverage in the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace.
 - Navigators are trained and certified to help consumers as they shop for their health coverage options through the Marketplace,
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including completing eligibility and enrollment forms. Covering Florida Navigator services are free to consumers and provide assistance in all of Florida's 67 counties. Services are confidential and provide one-on-one customer service. The pandemic has resulted in a tremendously increased level of need for services, and anyone impacted can find out what their coverage options are now, prior to Open Enrollment.

- Please call today to allow the team of experts to help you with the specifics of your situation.

You can reach Covering Florida at 877-813-9115 or visit their website www.CoveringFlorida.org to schedule an appointment for Open Enrollment.

- As the number of COVID-19 cases in the state have begun to increase, the potentially devastating collision of COVID-19 and the flu (twindemic) this season is real. That is why Florida Blue, the Florida Hospital Association ([FHA](#)), and the Florida Medical Association ([FMA](#)) have joined together to encourage Floridians to get a flu shot so all may have a #FluFreeFlorida. The organizations are uniting to use their collective and powerful voices to raise awareness around the state about the importance of getting a flu vaccine this year, encouraging all to 'spread the word, not the flu,' by using #FluFreeFlorida on social media. Floridians should be immunized to prevent severe illness and to keep the health care system from being overwhelmed with both COVID-19 and flu
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cases.

get your **FLU SHOT** today!



#FluFreeFlorida

- Are you having trouble paying your FPL bill because of COVID-19? You may qualify for local, state, and/or federal financial assistance, which has increased significantly due to the pandemic. FPL is here to help. All it takes is a phone call. FPL will work closely with you to do everything to avoid turning lights off for nonpayment, which is and has always been a last resort. Call FPL directly at 800-226-3545.

You are NOT alone

The COVID-19 crisis is a stressful and trying time for everyone. It is important to know these resources and share them with others.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-422-4453
www.childhelp.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233
thehotline.org

Crisis Text Line

text HOME to 741741
www.crisistextline.org

Palm Beach County Services

Schedule a Telemedicine appointment by calling (561) 233-4460

211 Palm Beach and Coast Helpline

Dial 211 from your phone with a trained mental health professional
211palmbeach.org

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